

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 35-37 and 40-42, the specification, and Figure 2 are amended to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 33-43 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

In response to the objection to the drawings, formal drawings are submitted herewith with a separate letter to the draftsperson. The Examiner should also note that Figure 2 is revised by the inclusion of the information recording medium and its outputs in connection with the information filtering unit 50. No new matter is introduced by this amendment, since the specification supports this arrangement and entry is respectfully requested.

The specification has been checked as requested by the Examiner, and the changes have been made as detailed above.

Lastly, the error regarding claim 42 has been corrected. More particularly, a portion of claim 42 was essentially repeated on page 6 of the preliminary amendment. This duplicate portion has now been cancelled, and the claims are now in full compliance with PTO requirements. The commas requested by the Examiner have been inserted in claims 35-37 and 40-42.

Since the Examiner has not raised a prior art rejection, and the objection to the claims has been overcome, claims 33-43 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant also notes the Examiner's request for a review of the specification. In light of the fact that the parent application has issued as United States Patent No. 6,327,583, the specification is believed to be in compliance

with PTO Rules, and the format and language of the specification is suitable for issuance. If the Examiner notes specific flaws in the specification, Applicant will gladly correct them.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine this application in light of this amendment, and promptly pass claims 33-43 onto issuance.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues.

The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raise in the February 12, 2004 Office Action.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

Respectfully requested,

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